



**Release Highlights: April 21, 2005**

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## **MONTANA**

### **State Population Projections**

<http://ceic.mt.gov/popprojections.htm>

### **U.S. Census Bureau Releases Population Projections**

For the first time since the mid-90's the U.S. Census Bureau has released population projections for all 50 states (plus the District of Colombia). These figures are calculated to 2030 using a mathematical projection model starting from Census 2000 and incorporating state specific trends in fertility, mortality, and internal and international migration.

### **Montana is in the Middle**

In viewing the big numbers, Florida, California and Texas are predicted to see nearly *one-half* of the total U.S. population growth (46%). Montana's growth is looking to be a little more balanced, with a predicted 15.8% growth rate from 2000 to 2030. This ranks Montana 25<sup>th</sup> for growth (out of 51); Nevada is slated at #1 with an amazing 114% projected growth rate, and West Virginia and neighboring North Dakota at the other end of the spectrum at around a -5% projected growth loss.

Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon join Nevada as Western states slated for the fastest percentage growth, but the West is still paced behind the South as the fastest growing region, at 35.2% and 52.4% respectively. Growth in the Midwest (7.4%) and Northeast (5%) seems anemic by comparison. Lastly, Montana may hit a milestone of sorts, as the 2016 population is predicted to rise above the previously elusive one million mark by 4,798 people.

### **Gender and Aging in Montana**

Montana, Florida, Wyoming, Maine, New Mexico and North Dakota are all predicted to have at least 25% of their population represented by persons age 65 and over by 2030. Median age projections for Montana are also available, with an upward trend from 37.5 years in Census 2000, to 41.5 years by 2015, and 46 years by 2030. Montana women are predicted to continue to reach older age than men, with the median age for women predicted to be 47.7 years by 2030 compared to 44.2 years for men.

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**April 14, 2005**  
Population Estimates  
County, 2004

**April 5, 2005**  
CEIC Newsletter, Spring  
Edition

**March 28, 2005**  
State Per Capita and Total  
Personal Income, 2004

**March 28, 2005**  
State Educational  
Attainment, 2004

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**April 27, 2005**  
County Per Capita and Total  
Personal Income, 2004

**Summer 2005**  
Population Estimates  
City/Town, 2004